

Robinson Shuts Down Hibriten

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Watauga High junior Kim Robinson threw a gem Tuesday night as the Pioneers defeated Hibriten 1-0 in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference softball game in Lenior. Robinson scattered three hits, walked one and struck

out ten. Riley Pudney, who paced the offense with two hits, scored the game's only run in the first inning.

Pudney reached on a two-out double and moved to third on a ground ball back to losing pitcher Bailey Land, who hesitated before trying for the lead runner. Land then didn't cut off her catcher's throw to second on a steal attempt, allowing Pudney to score. WHS (9-8 overall; 6-5 NW3A/4A) only made five hits. Nicole Dollar, Hallie Leonard and Elizabeth Dollar had the other WHS hits. The Pioneers return home to play St. Stephens Friday night for Senior Night. If the Pioneers win, they will claim third place. Seniors Nicole Dollar and Allison Townsend will be honored before the game. WHS won the JV game, 7-6. Winning pitcher Megan Jackson went the distance and gave up six runs on four hits. She also had 13 strikeouts and walked four. Offensively, Katie Replogle had a single, Kristen Gill had a triple and walked in three trips, Jackson helped her own cause with a double, Kylie McCoury and Sarah Combs each had a hit for the Pioneers.

BAIRD'S NETS GAME WINNER FOR PIONEERS

The Watauga High soccer squeaked out a 2-1 victory against Hibriten in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference game Tuesday night in Lenior. Kendyl Baird, like she's done her entire career, was in the mix with the game on the line. She scored the game-winning goal at the 48-minute mark of the second half. Hannah Younger picked up the assist. Brittany Brown scored WHS' (10-4 overall; 7-2 NW3A/4A) first goal at the 15-minute mark of the first half. Skylar Hicks picked up an assist on the play.

The Panthers scored the game-tying goal at the 32-minute mark of the first half. The JV team won 3-1. Marcie Mahoney had the hat-trick; Yazman Hernandez and Renea Shelton each picked up an assist. The Pioneers return home to play St. Stephens on Senior Night Friday

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night.

Also, the McDowell match that was postponed back on April 5 has been rescheduled for a second time. Originally, the Pioneers announced they would play the game on May 7. But according to WHS coach Brittany Bolick, the teams can't play on that date because state playoff pairings will be announced on that day. So, the contest will now be played on Thursday, May 3.

WHS TENNIS WINS SEASON FINALE

The Watauga High men's tennis team wrapped up the regular season with an 8-0 victory against South Caldwell in a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference match at the Sports Complex Tuesday afternoon. Mike Smith, Harrison Battle, Chris Ludwig, Jackson Yates, Landon Taylor and Aaron Evans were victorious in singles play; Ludwig and Taylor teamed up for a win at No.1 doubles; Evans and Yates were victorious at No.2 doubles. The Pioneers and Spartans were rained out at No.3 doubles. The doubles match featuring Noah Moomaw and Andrew Skeens, was tied 5-5 before the rains came and washed it out.

Also, the Pioneers (12-0 NW3A/4A; 16-1 overall) will say good-bye to four senior this season. Mike Smith, Chris Ludwig, Aaron Evans and Patrick Carlson were a combined 48-0 in league play the last four years. Smith, who will play tennis at ASU next season, was 15-0 this season; Ludwig was 16-0.

The NW3A/4A Conference Tournament for the Class 4A schools will be played at South Caldwell Thursday afternoon. The state dual-team playoffs begin Tuesday, May 1.

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▣ Singles

Mike Smith(W) def Landon Smith(SC) 6-0 6-0
Harrison Battle(W) def Patrick Mangan(SC)6-3 6-0
Landon Taylor(W) def Hayden Frank(SC) 6-3 6-0
Chris Ludwig(W) def Matt McGreal(SC) 6-1 6-0
Aaron Evans(W) def Travis Watts(SC) 6-1 6-1
Jackson Yates(W) def Trevor Gragg(SC) 6-1 6-0

Doubles

Taylor/Ludwig(W) def Smith/Mangan(SC) 8-2
Evans/Yates(W) def Frank/Watts(SC)8-3
Moomaw/Skeens(W) vs McGreal/Gragg(SC) 5-5 Suspended due to rain

PANTHERS BEST FIELD AT BOONE GOLF CLUB

The Hibriten High men's golf team is making a late charge at a conference championship. The Panthers fired a team score of 300 Tuesday afternoon and bested the field by 13 shots at a Northwestern 3A/4A Conference meet at the Boone Golf Club. St. Stephens finished second with a team score of 313; Hickory finished third with a 319. The Pioneers were sixth with a 331. The win also leaves Hibriten 16 shots behind Hickory for first place. The Panthers will host the final meet of the regular season next Monday, April 30. Noah Martin of the Panthers was leading medalist as he fired an even-par 71. Austin Northern paced WHS with a 78; Austin

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Graham had an 81 for the Pioneers.

Team scores

Hibriten-300

St. Stephens- 313

Hickory- 319

FT Foard- 322

Alexander Central- 327

Watauga- 331

South Caldwell- 331

Medalist: Noah Martin, Hibriten, even par 71

Watauga's scores

Austin Northern- 78

Austin Graham- 81

Matt Byrum- 86

Troy McNeil- 86

Cameron Taylor- 87

Dylan Cook- 89

NW3A/4A Conference Standings

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Hickory- 1552
Hibriten- 1568
Alexander Central- 1597
St. Stephens- 1609
South Caldwell- 1621
FT Foard- 1645
Watauga- 1678

WHS WOMEN'S LACROSSE SNAPS LOSING STREAK

The Watauga High women's lacrosse team snapped a four-game losing streak by clobbering Kernersville-Glenn 14-5 Tuesday night. Katie Marks led the way with four goals; Olivia Li and Taelor Critcher had three goals apiece. The Pioneers (4-8) return home to play East Forsyth on Senior Night Friday night.

Unfortunately, the WHS men lost to Patton 6-5 at home. The loss also denied WHS (5-5 overall; 4-2 in District 9) a district championship and an automatic berth in the state playoffs. The Pioneers could receive a wild-card berth when the pairing are announced in early May. Nick Williams scored three times for the Pioneers. WHS will play a make-up game at Mooresville Thursday night.